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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

Date: July 20, 2009

From: Annie Byrne, Assistant Regional Planner

Re: Economic Development Reports and Recommendations

As requested, the July meeting will include a discussion on the innovation report prepared by the economic consultant firm, RCF, contracted by CMAP for the *GO TO 2040* plan. The authors of this report will be attending the meeting and will provide a brief presentation of the report and answer the committee's questions.

The other reports prepared by the consultants are ready for review and are included in your packet. The overall goal and purpose of these reports is to assist CMAP in the preparation of the *GO TO 2040* plan. These reports gather background information, clarify issues, conduct analysis, and present potential recommendations for CMAP's consideration. Ultimately, some of these recommendations will be reflected in the final plan.

There are many recommendations in each of these reports and CMAP needs to prioritize which should be incorporated and emphasized in the *GO TO 2040* plan. The committee's participation in this process is greatly appreciated and we suggest interested committee members form a subcommittee for each of the reports with the objective to discuss, evaluate, and further develop selected recommendations. These discussions will help CMAP decide which recommendations should be incorporated in the plan. We will discuss the formation of these subcommittees further at the July 28 meeting.

The subcommittee meetings will focus on the recommendations; the consultants will likely not attend these or subsequent committee meetings. If there are other general comments and questions on the content for the authors of the papers, please submit them to Annie Byrne at abyrne@cmap.illinois.gov. We ask to have comments for the report authors submitted by August 3<sup>rd</sup>; the consultants will then provide responses to these comments and questions.